

Packers Stadium

Lambeau Field is a football stadium in Green Bay, Wisconsin, that is the home of the city's NFL team, the Packers. It is the oldest stadium with an NFL team in continuous residence, but has been much enlarged since its opening in 1957. It was built to replace a smaller stadium of the same name in a different location. The new stadium was designed by the Green Bay architectural firm of Somerville under the supervision of Richard E. Gustafson. The cost of construction was \$ 960,000 financed jointly by the Packers and the city of Green Bay. Seating capacity was about 32,000 on opening day, September 29, 1957, when the Packers defeated their traditional rivals, the Chicago Bears. Demand for Packers tickets greatly increased during the tenure of the legendary head coach Vince Lombardi.

Since 1960 every home game has been sold out. Seating capacity was increased over the years, rising past 50,000 in 1965. The stadium acquired its present name in the same year, shortly after the death of Curly Lambeau cofounders of the Packers team in 1919. Unusually for an NFL stadium, Lambeau field has not been renamed for a corporate sponsor, but naming rights were sold for each of its eight main gates.

